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## MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Staff Meeting Minutes of 14 April 1981

Admiral Inman chaired the meeting. [ ]

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Evans introduced [ ] as his replacement and thanked all Staff Meeting attendees for their cooperation during his tenure as Executive Secretary. Admiral Inman extended a welcome to [ ] and thanked Evans for the support he has provided during the first months of his assignment.

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In response to Briggs' question about PFIAB, Admiral Inman said that the Executive Order on PFIAB was still being worked on. [ ]

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Hitz noted the 30 April SSCI mark-up on [ ] and asked if Admiral Inman was still planning to attend. Admiral Inman noted that he, the D/NRO, and D/ICS will attend the hearing. [ ]

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Hitz noted the letter from Senators Goldwater and Moynihan to the President expressing disfavor with covert action [ ] because of their broadness and lack of specificity. Admiral Inman noted he was distressed with that letter but that we would not prepare a response to it and would forward it to the President. Hitz said he would send the original to Admiral Inman for forwarding to Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs Allen. [ ]

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Admiral Inman reported that negotiations continue on the revisions to Executive Order 12036 and that there will be a Community meeting late this week or early next week to smooth out any differences. Admiral Inman wants the Executive Order to be ready for the Director's perusal upon his return after which it will be considered at NFIC. Admiral Inman noted the Executive Order is due to the NSC by 1 May. Briggs said if his submission appears contentious to DoD it could be deleted. Admiral Inman said that would not be necessary.

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Admiral Inman commented on the continuation of the process of looking at the support functions provided the Director, Deputy Director, and the Intelligence Community Staff. He noted that both he and the Director will be asking questions in order to understand the current structure and how it works. Admiral Inman said it is his desire to streamline support at the staff level in order to move some of the slots to the line units and also to enable us to request additional slots from the Congress. [REDACTED]

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Admiral Inman noted that the Agency is getting in desperate straits at the senior levels with recent retirements and that we will need to borrow talent to serve in these positions on an interim basis so that there are no gaps. Particularly affected is the NIC. Admiral Inman noted that the Director is sampling talent on the outside to see who is available to become an NIO. Admiral Inman will discuss this with Lehman and McMahon. [REDACTED]

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McMahon noted that on 24 April the NIO's will be briefing the Defense Subcommittee of the Senate Appropriations Committee on key intelligence issues. Admiral Inman said that he will do the initial presentation and that since this is the first time the Agency has briefed this group, it should be done very well. Lehman said he will forward the briefing format to Admiral Inman. [REDACTED]

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